MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will not such persons be better suited to prescribe text-books?

PRESIDENT: That is a suggestion.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Is there any Committee authorised to prescribe text-books?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The Board under discussion here is authorised only to make recommendations.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Does not the Director of Public Instruction feel the need for a Muslim member on the Text-Book Committee?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I may say Sir, that there are very few Arabic books that come before the Text-Book Committee. One Arabic text-book alone came before them and there are competent men in the department to advise.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Are there not competent men in the department to advise the Director of Public Instruction in the choice of other books, English and Malayalam?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): That is so.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether there was a Muslim member hitherto in the Committee?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The Mahomedan Inspector of Schools was at one time on the Committee.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether there is any special reason why a Muslim was not nominated this time?

MR R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): There was no special reason other than the general reason given in answer to the question.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member the reason for the existence of the Text-Book Committee if the members of the committee are not to prescribe text-books?

PRESIDENT: The answer was that they recommend certain books. That is their function.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member the body or the person who is to prescribe text-books as a result of the recommendations of the Text-Book Committee?

MR R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The Government.

Appointments in the Office of the Director of Public Instruction.

210. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many appointments were made in the office of the Director of Public Instruction during the first six months of the year 1109;

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(*b*) how many of these newly appointed persons in the staff of the Director of Public Instruction are Brahmins, Christians, Nairs, Ezhavas, Muslims and depressed classes;

(*c*) whether previous acting service was taken into consideration in making these new appointments in the office of the Director of Public Instruction;

(*d*) if not, why;

(*e*) whether the claims of those who were in the waiting list were overlooked in making these new appointments to the staff of the Director of Public Instruction;

(*f*) if so, in how many cases;

(*g*) whether the Brahmin community is not over-represented in the office of the Director of Public Instruction;

(*h*) whether any Brahmins were appointed in the office of the Director of Public Instruction in 1109 overlooking the claims of persons, including Brahmins themselves, in the waiting list;

(*i*) if so, why;

(*j*) whether Christians, Ezhavas, Nairs, Muslims and depressed classes were appointed in 1109, while there were members belonging to those communities in the waiting list; and

(*k*) if the answer to part (*j*) is in the affirmative, the instances in which such action was taken?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Sixteen.

(*b*)

Brahmin	...	1
Nairs	...	4
Christians	...	5
Ezhavas	...	2
Mahomedan	...	1
Vellala	...	1
Nadar	...	1
Depressed class	...	1
		16

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*c*).

(*e*) No.

(*f*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*c*).

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*h*)

(*j*) No.

(*k*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*j*).

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): In regard to part (*b*), if the Brahmins are over-represented, then why were they again appointed in 1109, other than those who were in the waiting list?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): There is no reason to exclude the Brahmins altogether. Out of 16 appointments, only one Brahmin was given an appointment and I see no reason to exclude that community altogether.

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